

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 6-8, 11, 15, 19, 23, and 27.

The Examiner has rejected claims 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner has advised that it is incorrect for Applicant to define R in claim 9 at lines 7-8 "as hydroxyl group in R-NH₂ and the structure is HO-RNH₂." Additionally, the Examiner has advised that Applicant's provision in line 1 of claim 10 that "wherein said anhydride or lactone is select from the group consisting of maleic anhydride" cannot be understood "since lactone has different structure with anhydride and the maleic anhydride does not belong to the lactone, as now claimed."

Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 9 to refer to "R" in "R-NH₂" as an ethanol. Applicant has amended claim 10 to refer to the anhydride without alternative reference to the lactone. That is, Applicant has deleted reference to "lactone" in claim 10.

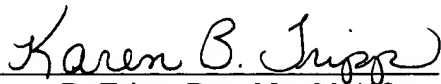
The Examiner has additionally noted that in the Specification as now amended, on page 15, lines 17-19, "Me is an alkali metal" should be deleted. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the Specification by deleting "Me is an alkali metal" on page 15.

All of the pending claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to move the application to issue.

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